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<p>2. <u>Alphabetical Designators</u> In connection with information contained herein, specific points of interest are referred to in this report by the following alphabetical designators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Anchorage on Arrival; Pilot and Sea Frontier Defense Guards Boarded B. First Berth C. Second Berth D. Soviet Merchant Tanker (Loading Soybeans) E. Chinese Communist Coastal Freighter (Loading Coal) F. Chinese Communist Coastal Freighter (Loading Coal) 		
<p>3. <u>Approaches</u></p> <p>there are no obstructions in the approaches to subject port. Vessel arrived off harbor 170235H Jan 56, anchored at position labeled designator A, and was boarded immediately by a pilot and two Sea Frontier Defense Guards from a tug used also as an icebreaker. Vessel got underway from anchorage under pilot 170400H and completed mooring at berth labeled designator B 96 minutes later. Pilot spoke English and provided good service both in taking vessel in and out of subject port. He boarded vessel at her loading berth labeled designator C at 220800H and was discharged off harbor along with the Sea Frontier Defense Guards at 221003H. During period of call weather was extremely cold. Daylight temperatures reached high of 15 F and at night thermometer dropped as low as -5 F. Winds were very light and snow fell during daylight hours each day. Vessel was delayed over one hour in getting away from her loading berth because of ice in the entrance channel.</p>		
<p>4. <u>Anchorage</u> Vessel anchored at position labeled designator A to pick up pilot and Sea Frontier Defense Guards. Anchorage was over good mud holding ground.</p>		

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5. Harbor [] ample water for large merchant vessels in the channel leading into subject port.
6. Controls [] strictness of port authorities as compared with the comparative laxness in South China ports. Five Chinese control authorities boarded vessel at her berth 170600H and remained aboard for two hours. One of the officials spoke English and although the other did not speak English they gave evidence of understanding the language. The boarding authorities wore quilted winter field jackets, face masks for protection against the cold, fur collars, warm gloves and heavy boots. Each officer carried sidearms. They sealed vessel's radio, radar, binoculars, cameras, and all guns and ammunition. Crew members were mustered in the wardroom while a thorough search was made of vessel. Crew members were issued shore leave passes and were permitted ashore from 0800 to 2200 hours daily. In addition to the two Sea Frontier Defense Guards stationed aboard vessel, a non-commissioned officer and enlisted man were posted on quay at vessel's gangway to check papers of all persons boarding and leaving vessel. Numerous other guards were observed patrolling the waterfront at 30' intervals with submachine guns. Surveillance was not maintained on vessel by a patrol craft. The same control party boarded vessel 220600H and conducted a two-hour search of vessel, examination of seamen's papers, and collection of shore-leave passes.
7. Harbor Craft The only harbor craft [] was the tug which brought pilot and guards out to vessel and picked them up on departure. As noted above, this tug serves as an icebreaker also. The tugboat still had the US Army Transportation Corp insignia on its funnel. Approximately 15 LCM and LCV-type craft of US origin were observed in the harbor converted to civilian use. Former US trucks and jeeps were observed in harbor area. No dredges or salvage equipment was observed.
8. Berths [] Vessel shifted to berth labeled designator C and commenced loading [] Loading proceeded continuously 24 hours per day. The cargo was loaded entirely by ship's gear from railroad cars lined on a spur track on wharf apron alongside vessel. Quay at which [] vessel loaded cargo was in good condition though [] evidence of recent improvement. Depth of water at loading berth was estimated [] to be at least 30'. [] estimate depth at fitting-out berth labeled designator B as considerably less. Cargo operations were completed 220600H. Loading of total cargo [] required 89 hours, 26 minutes, and was accomplished at rate of approximately 100 long tons per hour. No engineering or deck supplies were available at subject port.
9. Construction [] no construction in progress at subject port.
10. Naval Vessels [] no naval vessels present at subject port.
11. Merchant Vessels A Soviet merchant tanker was moored at berth labeled designator D lifting a full cargo of soyabeans. [] two Chinese Communist coastal merchant freighters, designators E and F, lifting coal cargoes.

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